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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL STAFF VISIT RE COCOM

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1. MAJAK AND JOHNSON, ACCOMPANIED BY THOMAS POPOVICH,
MINORITY STAFF CONSULTANT TO TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE (WHO HAS
JOINED STAFF MISSION), VISITED BARRACLOUGH ON DECEMBER 16
WITH RESPONSE TO LETTER TO MAJAK. LETTER (POUCHED
SEPARATELY TO AMBASSADOR SALZMAN) AND ENSUING DISCUSSION
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CONFIRMED THAT STAFF MISSION DOES NOT PLAN TO PLOUGH THROUGH
COCOM DOCUMENTS, BUT TO RELY PRIMARILY ON INFORMED DIS-
CUSSION WITH COCOM DELEGATES, THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF DELEGATE
ATTITUDES TOWARD COCOM AND, AS OPPORTUNITY PERMITS,
ATTITUDES OF POLICY MAKERS. LETTER STATES THEY ARE NOT
INTERESTED IN ANY PARTICULAR CASE BUT IN COCOM PROCEDURES.
THEY WILL PROBABLY REQUEST SOME COCOM DOCUMENTS AND WILL

WANT TO SEE COCOM DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO U.S. DELEGATION TO JAN. 10 MEETING. THEY REPEATED THEIR REQUEST THAT THEY BE ACCREDITED AS OBSERVERS ON THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR JAN. 10 MEETING. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE MAKES FORMAL REQUEST. LETTER FROM MAJAK STATES STAFF MISSION WILL HONOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF COCOM.

2. BARRACLOUGH BROUGHT TO MISSION'S ATTENTION FRENCH DELEGATE'S REQUEST FOR MORE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. MAJAK SAID THEY COULD EASILY ENUMERATE QUESTIONS NOW, BUT THOUGHT IT BETTER TO CONSULT WITH OUR OECD REPS AND COCOM MISSION ON HOW BEST TO PUT FRENCH MISGIVINGS TO REST. BARRACLOUGH ALSO RAISED POLITICAL CONCERNS VOICED BY NUMBER OF DELEGATES. MAJAK REPLIED THAT THE PUBLIC REPORT WOULD FOCUS ON VIEW OF COCOM AS AN INSTITUTION, AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT GIVING DEPARTMENT OPPORTUNITY TO CULL CLASSIFIED REMARKS.

3. FOR USOECD: MAJAK AND JOHNSON REQUEST RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL BEAUVEAU FROM JAN. 4 TO JAN. 13. POPOVICH IS EXPECTED TO JOIN THEM FROM SWITZERLAND ON JAN. 6 OR 7.

4. FOR BERN: POPOVICH REQUESTS HOTEL RESERVATIONS (MODERATELY-PRICED ACCOMODATIONS) FROM JAN. 2 TO JAN. 7. HE WILL CONSULT WITH EMBASSY AND REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH SWISS OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPORT CONTROLS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPORT CONTROL POLICY. HE SEEKS VIEWS AND PERSPECTIVES OF COCOM FROM OFFICIALS OF NON-COCOM TECHNOLOGY-EXPORTING COUNTRY. HE ALSO REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, HIGH-TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURERS, ACADEMIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PRIVATE EXPERTS. HE STRESSED THAT HIS PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON POLICIES, ATTITUDES, AND PROCEDURES, NOT ON INVESTIGATION OF SPECIFIC CASES. DEPARTMENT NEEDS NAME OF CONTROL OFFICER AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY REACTION.

5. FOR STOCKHOLM AND OSLO: MAJAK AND JOHNSON REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN STOCKHOLM EVENING OF JAN. 10 AND IN OSLO EVENING OF JAN. 11. REGARDING KONESBERG, THEY UNDERSTAND THAT PLANT MANAGERS ARE FREQUENTLY IN OSLO AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH THEM THERE TOGETHER WITH NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO SEE PLANT OFFICIALS BJOERN WEICHBRODT AND BO HERMANSSON. IN STOCKHOLM INTERESTS REMAIN AS DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. DEPARTMENT NEEDS NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF CONTROL OFFICERS FOR OSLO AND STOCKHOLM.

6. FOR BONN, BRUSSELS, AND THE HAGUE: THOUGH STAFF

MISSION HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN TALKING WITH OFFICIALS
IN HOST CAPITALS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT TIME WILL NOT PERMIT.
HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING COCOM WITH HOST COUNTRY
DELEGATES IN PARIS. VANCE

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